

Please amend the first paragraph on page 20 as follows:

The pouch of the present invention also comprises a uni-directional air exchange mechanism, that effectively filters and releases build-up of gases inside the pouch. See, for example, 3, in Fig. 1. An example of this valving system is described further under Fig. 3, which shows the air management system required to enable transport under hypobaric conditions. The theory has been borrowed from the air-purifying respiratory market. In a respirator, air is brought through a filter cartridge or canister and into the mask for inhalation by the wearer, a flapper valve closes the cartridge passage and exhaled air exists through a second one-way valve. This bi-directional flow is effective for respiratory equipment but inadequate for the remains pouch since air must flow uni-directionally out of the pouch.

Please amend the first paragraph on page 23 as follows:

This embodiment also includes a remains identification card and envelope **5** that allows for the recoding of personal information of the remains or forensic sample held in the pouch. The opening and closing means in the figures is a zipper/thermoplastic interface **2**. As shown in Figures 2 and 5, the location of ~~location of~~ the zipper is not critical.